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Bring over \$4.8 Million to Michigan Libraries

by Carey L. Draeger Public Information Officer

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Michigan State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau recently announced grants totaling over \$4.8 million have been given to 347 Michigan public library sites to expand access to computers and the Internet. In addition,11 computer laboratories were



Computer workstations, such as this one at the Library of Michigan, will offer expanded Internet access, thanks to grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

awarded to public libraries for staff and patron training.

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The grants have been provided by the Gates Library Initiative, a program of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The program is dedicated to partnering with public libraries to bring access to computers, the Internet, and digital information for patrons in low-income communities throughout the United States and Canada. "The Foundation chose public libraries as their first major place to give because they are a familiar community resource, and many citizens already make trips to the library as part of their daily lives," said State Librarian Brandau. "Michigan libraries also have a long history of serving all people and providing diverse opportunities for lifelong learning."

Nationally, a total of four rounds of funding will occur through 2003—the first round went to libraries in 7 states. Michigan and 11 other states make up the second round of funding, which will be implemented 1999 through 2001.

Four eligibility standards were applied by the Foundation:

- 1 the library building is within a state that has been accepted for a State Partnership Grant Program;
- 2 the library building is a public library recognized by the state library agency as a public library;
- 3 the library building serves an area of greater than 10 percent poverty based on U.S. Census Department data for 1990; and
- 4 the library building has not previously received a Gates Foundation grant.





The Michigan Electronic Library, or MEL as it is affectionately known, is a Michigan treasure! I first accessed MEL years ago in Iowa and believed then, as I do now, that it is a product of librarians harnessing the power of the Internet. Although the Library of Michigan (LM) funded MEL through an LSTA grant for a number of years, it was administered by Sue Davidsen and the University of Michigan.

Things have changed for MEL in the last few weeks. Sue accepted another position outside the University of Michigan, which meant MEL's administration was in question. Following discussions between U-M and LM, the two organizations mutually agreed that MEL would transfer to the Library to be administered in house.

What does this change mean for those of us who depend on MEL? It means positive results all around. The Library of Michigan plans to build on MEL and enhance it. The current selectors will remain and we may recruit additional selectors in the future. We'd also like to explore the possibility of converting MEL files from the current HTML format into a database format, to better facilitate searching the web site. Reference staff at the Library of Michigan, led by Becky Cawley, will handle MEL's day-to-day management.

We owe Sue Davidsen our thanks as well as those who helped her when MEL was created. We also appreciate the University of Michigan and MEL selectors for their contributions that earned MEL its reputation as an internationally known source of information.

Speaking of service,I was inspired by a story I heard recently as I toured libraries in beautiful northern Michigan. As I viewed the lovely new Crooked Tree District Library in Walloon Lake, Director Claudia Cullen described the small cramped facility they previously occupied. "We didn't have much in the way of facilities or materials,so we decided to become known for our excellent library service," she said. "We did just about anything to provide our customers with what they wanted and needed."

What a great attitude! Often the simple act of helping is enough to earn our customers' respect and gratitude. It is important to provide people with a friendly, positive experience when they use our libraries.

I look forward to seeing you in my upcoming travels.



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"These grants provide many opportunities for Michigan's public libraries, such as the first public access workstation to the Internet for some libraries and additional access to digital information for others," said Janet Laverty, the director of Business Services for the Library of Michigan. She oversaw the application process for Michigan public libraries. An additional component of the Foundation's Library Initative is the provision for upgrading Internet connections at local libraries. Some libraries will increase their connection speed by upgrading from dial-up access to direct digital access to the Internet.

"We are excited to have Michigan libraries involved in what we hope will be a significant and worthwhile project," said Tom Mayer, the U.S. Library program manager for the Gates Foundation."We want to thank the Library of Michigan and all the public libraries in the state for their enthusiasm in the effort to expand public access to information technologies."

A chart of the main and branch libraries that received Gates Foundation monies follows.

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Library	Amount
Adrian Public Library	17,108.00
Albion Public Library	16,108.00
Alcona County Library	33,334.00
Allegan Public Library	16,108.00
Allendale Township Library	16,108.00
Alma Public Library	16,108.00
Alpena County Library	16,108.00
Alvah N. Belding Memorial Library	16,108.00
Ann Arbor District Library Northeast Branch Lab	28,680.00
Ann Arbor District Library	21,857.00
Ashley District Library	7,054.00
Bacon Memorial District Library	16,108.00
Bad Axe Public Library	7,054.00
Barryton Public Library	7,804.00
Bay County Library System South Side Branch Lab	38,079.65
Bay County Library System	71,486.00
Bayliss Public Library	40,335.00
Beaver Island District Library	4,423.00
Bellaire Public Library	7,873.00
Bellevue Township Library	17,108.00
Benton Harbor Public Library	25,719.00
Benzie Shores District Library	7,804.00
Benzonia Public Library	7,873.00
Berrien Springs Community Library	19,277.18
Bessemer Public Library	7,054.00
Betsie Valley District Library	5,173.00
Beulah Public Library	7,123.00
Boyne District Library	12,054.00
Branch District Library System	94,226.00
Bridgeport Public Library	16,108.00
Brown City Public Library	7,054.00
Buchanan Public Library	16,108.00
Bullard Sanford Memorial Library	20,649.00
Burlington Township Library	19,424.00
Burr Oak Township Library	19,246.00
Cadillac-Wexford County Public Library	53,689.00
Calumet Public-School Library	16,108.00
Camden Township Library	16,858.00
Capital Area District Library Central Library Lab	38,079.65
Capital Area District Library	71,486.00
Caro Area District Library	16,108.00
Carson City Public Library	32,216.00
Cass District Library	67,301.00
Cedar Springs Public Library	16,108.00
Central Lake District Library	7,054.00
Chase Township Public Library	7,054.00
Cheboygan Area Public Library	16,246.00

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Chippewa River District Library	83,440.00	Luther Area Public Library	5,104.00
Coloma Public Library	19,527.18	Lyons Village Library	16,927.00
Colon Township Library	19,177.00	Mackinac Island Public Library	5,173.00
Comstock Township Library	10,853.68	Mackinaw Area Public Library	23,116.00
Constantine Township Library	19,108.00	Mancelona Township Library	7,873.00
Corunna Public Library	19,683.00	Manistee County Library	43,278.00
Crawford County Library	25,204.00	Manistique School & Public Library	7,054.00
Crooked Tree District Library	5,104.00	Maple Rapids Public Library	7,804.00
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Curtis Township Library	4,354.00	Marcellus Township-Wood Memorial Library	7,804.00
De Tour Area School And Public Library	4,354.00	Mason County District Library	23,162.00
Deckerville Public Library	7,804.00	Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library	26,133.00
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Dickinson County Library	16,108.00	Mayville District Public Library	*
Dowagiac Public Library	16,108.00	McBain Community Library	7,054.00
East Lansing Public Library	21,077.00	McGregor Public Library	25,650.00
Eau Claire District Library	18,476.00	McMillan Township Library	4,354.00
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Elk Township Library	7,804.00	Menominee County Library	14,758.18
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Fairgrove District Library	16,108.00	Missaukee District Library	7,873.00
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Falmouth Area Library	5,242.00	Mitchell Public Library	16,108.00
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Flat River Community Library	16,108.00	Moore Public Library	7,942.00
Flint Public Library	69,332.00	Morton Township Public Library	7,054.00
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Gladwin County Library	23,162.00	Nottawa Township Library	19,246.00
Glen Lake Community Library	5,104.00	Oak Park Public Library	21,008.00
Grace A. Dow Memorial Library	7,054.00	Ogemaw District Library	23,537.00
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Hackley Public Library	16,108.00		19,034.00
Hall-Fowler Memorial Library	16,108.00	Osceola Township School Public Library	12,508.00
Hamtramck Public Library	16,522.00	Oscoda County Library	7,054.00
Hancock School Public Library	16,108.00	Otsego County Library	33,948.00
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Harbor Beach Area District Library	11,526.00	Parchment Community Library	20,718.00
Harrison Community Library	7,054.00	Pentwater Township Library	7,054.00
Hart Area Public Library	16,858.00	Peter White Public Library	16,108.00
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Jackson District Library	138,664.00	Sandusky District Library	7,054.00
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Jordan Valley District Library	7,054.00	Shelby Area District Library	7,873.00
Kalamazoo Public Library Central Library	38,079.65	Shiawassee County Library	56,292.00
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Kent District Library	32,216.00	South Haven Memorial Library	19,545.00
Lake Linden-Hubbell Public School Library	16,108.00	Spies Public Library	16,108.00
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Lake Odessa Community Library	7,054.00	St. Charles District Library	16,108.00
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Leland Township Public Library	7,804.00	St. Ignace Public Library	4,354.00
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Lenawee County Library	18,742.68	Stair Public Library	8,080.00
Lenox Township Library	16,108.00	Sturgis Public Library	16,108.00
Litchfield District Library	7,873.00	Sunfield District Library	16,108.00
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Surrey Township Public Library	16,858.00	
Suttons Bay Area District Library	7,054.00	
Tahquamenon Area Public Library	7,054.00	
Tamarack Public Library	7,054.00	
Taymouth Township Library	16,927.00	
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Theodore A. Cutler Memorial Library	19,657.68	
Thomas E. Fleschner Memorial Library 1		
Thompson Home Public Library	7,054.00	
Three Oaks Township Library	20,377.00	
Three Rivers Public Library	16,108.00	
Topinabee Public Library	7,804.00	
Traverse Area District Library	9,073.00	
Van Buren District Library	115,213.00	
Vermontville Township Library	17,065.00	
Vernon District Public Library	19,683.00	
Wakefield Public Library	7,804.00	
Waldron District Library	7,942.00	
Walton Erickson Public Library	7,054.00	
Warren Public Library Maybelle Burnette Branch Lab	38,079.65	
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Watervliet District Library	18,227.00	
Wayne Public Library	16,108.00	
West Branch Public Library	7,054.00	
West Iron District Library	7,054.00	
White Cloud Community Library	7,054.00	
White Pigeon Township Library	20,718.00	
White Pine Library	16,858.00	
Willard Public Library	16,108.00	
William H. Aitkin Memorial Library	21,108.00	
Wolverine Community Library	8,895.00	
Ypsilanti District Library	36,354.00	

Library of Michigan Trustee Named Extraordinary Library Advocate

By Carey L. Draeger
Public Information Officer



Library of Michigan Trustee Fran

Pletz was recently named an extraordinary library advocate of the twentieth century by the American Library Association/Association for Library Trustees and Advocates. Her name will be among the first added to the ALA/ALTA National Advocacy Honor Roll.

"The purpose of the honor roll is to identify and celebrate those individuals and groups who have actively supported and strengthened library services at the local, state or national levels over the last 100 years," wrote ALTA President Patricia Fisher in an April 10,2000, letter to Pletz. "Each state in the nation was asked to choose up to five advocates for the honor roll along with the names of up to five posthumous honorees."

Advocates will be honored at the first-ever ALA/ALTA National Advocacy Honor Roll Banquet in Chicago on Friday, July 7,2000, during the ALA Annual Convention. During the banquet, honorees will receive a souvenir program book and a special recognition pin.

Preservation

Storing and Preserving Newspapers

By Kathleen Menanteaux
Collection Management Services

Those of us who work in libraries feel that our day is not complete until we've read two major newspapers. Our parents and grandparents used newspapers at the end of the day to wrap garbage or garden cuttings or for various other household tasks. Today many of us recycle newspapers.

Although their value as part of our historic record is often overlooked, newspapers carry the history of the day. By the time they reach our front porch, newspapers have begun to deteriorate. Newsprint is cheap and not particularly long lasting. The ground wood pulp in newsprint is produced by grinding wood into sawdust that is softened by boiling and then formed into sheets. This produces short fibers and does not remove the lignin, which helps to bind the pulp together. Unfortunately, it also rapidly discolors, oxidizes in light, and creates acids that degrade or break down the paper. When producing chemical wood pulp, more of the lignin is removed and the fibers are longer. Most newsprint is 65 to 80 percent ground wood with chemical wood pulp added for strength.

There are several problems involved in preserving newspapers. Light, especially sunlight, turns the paper brown and brittle. Heat accelerates the breakdown of the cellulose. Too little moisture causes brittleness; too much encourages mold. If your library has stacks of newspapers stored somewhere that are not disturbed, you may attract insects or mice.

Well-constructed, acid-free containers will modify the effects of the above conditions. It is important that a preservation policy for newspapers state that they be inspected regularly. Large format newspapers are also problematic because their bulk and brittleness make them difficult to transport and handle. If newspapers are bound, they should be stored horizontally and stacked no more than three high on the shelf. Loose issues should be unfolded and stored flat in large folders or in another suitable container that will not add to their acidity. A folded newspaper concentrates the acidic reaction at the fold to the environment and adds stress to the newsprint.

Mylar holders, such as uncoated polyester (Dupont Mylar Type D), polypropylene or polyethylene, will provide a safe environment and physical support.

Libraries are encouraged to participate in the United States Newspaper Project, a project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. In this project newspapers are catalogued in a national database, and preservation microfilming creates a master, a copy negative, and a service copy. Information about the United States Newspaper Project and the Michigan Newspaper Project may be found at the Library of Michigan web site at http://www.libofmich.lib.mi.us. Click on Library News, Events and Projects at the opening home page. Newspaper holdings in Michigan libraries are available at the SPAN database, an AccessMichigan project, at http://span.access-michigan.lib.mi.us:9000/. SPAN holdings will be updated and current in August 2000.

Trustees Corner

By Ellen Richardson Library Law Specialist

Primer on Library Policies



he Michigan Constitution grants the governing boards of public libraries the authority and responsibility to adopt regulations for the public use of libraries. These regulations are commonly called policies.

Policies are necessary whenever the board is faced with competing legitimate interests. The final policy is a balance between the interests. A clear example of this kind of balance is the typical "hours open" library policy. The board must balance the legitimate demand for more service hours, or more nighttime or weekend service hours, with the legal demands to operate within the approved library budget. Just as busy lifestyles demand more hours, budget constraints demand creative allocation of the costs for more personnel, increased utility use, and building security. The final policy of "hours open" strikes a balance that all parties can live with, at least for a time. Changing circumstances lead to policy review and reformulation.

Changing circumstances include population growth or decline; changing lifestyles; growth or decline of other institutions, such as schools, shopping centers, and recreation areas; fluctuations in funding for the library; new technology; and changes in the laws that affect libraries. As the library board formulates policies to address these items, trustees need to ask four basic questions:

- 1. Does the policy conform to current law? Changes in the law often precipitate policy review. Remember the changes in many public policies with the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act? In Michigan, many public libraries had to review and change their investment policies when the Investment of Surplus Funds Act was amended in 1997. Sometimes the answer to this question is not straightforward because the status of the law in a certain area is still being developed. Just think of the uncertainty surrounding the whole area of Internet access. Legislators at both the state and federal levels are still examining the issues surrounding this technology. The courts are just beginning to hear cases that challenge various efforts to formulate public policy in this area. Competent legal counsel is a necessary expense when writing policy.
- 2. Is the policy reasonable? Many policies, although legal on the surface, could be successfully challenged if they are unreasonable. Most libraries have policies that establish consequences for the non-return of borrowed materials. Restrictions on borrowing additional materials, payment for replacement of lost materials, or fines are typical consequences. It would be reasonable to suspend borrowing privileges until materials are returned; it would probably be unreasonable to banish offending patrons from the library for the rest of their lives
- 3. Can the policy be enforced in a non-discriminatory manner? Policies must be applied fairly to all patrons. Circulation policies, for example, should be the same for all; board members or volunteers should not get special treatment. Giggling adolescents should not be treated more harshly than loud-speaking adults. A policy, no matter how reasonable or legal, might be challenged if it is not applied equally to all.
- 4. Is the enforcement of the policy measurable? It is difficult to enforce a policy fairly if the behavior specified or prohibited by the policy is not quantifiable. Most libraries, for example, have circulation policies that limit the number of items any one patron may borrow at any one time. A library is inviting a challenge if the policy states that the number of items borrowed must be "reasonable" and kept for a "reasonable period of time." Staff then determine what "reasonable" means on a case-by-case basis. Charges of favoritism or discrimination would soon follow. A good circulation policy would state a definite number of items loaned for a specific period of time.

Public library policies are enforceable only if the policies are in writing and adopted formally by the library board during an open meeting. Once adopted by the board, the policies should be promulgated, or made known by posting them in the library, giving copies to patrons, or highlighting in press releases.

Public library policy development is not easy. Luckily, few libraries need to start from scratch. It is perfectly acceptable to look at what other public libraries have done to address their policy needs. If you do use another library's policy as a pattern, make sure that it accurately addresses the needs of your local situation. Make sure, too, that the policy can pass the test of the four questions listed above.

The websites for many public libraries post that library's policies. A few years ago, a Michigan Library Association committee compiled two policy manuals with a variety of policies in effect in public libraries throughout the state. Libraries generously shared their policies and the editorial committee published the best. Most of the library cooperatives have copies of these manuals for their members' use.



- 4 Independence Day, Library of Michigan closed
- 6-13 American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 26 Mahoney Children's Workshop 2000, Native American Culture, Sterling Heights, LMF

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- 23 Mahoney Children's Workshop 2000, Native American Culture, Kalamazoo, LMF
- 26 The Abrams Genealogy Series: Cemetery Records and Resources, LM

Keep a look out for the Beginning Workshop, part II

Where: Shanty Creek, Bellaire, Michigan

CEUs: 3.2

When: October 29 - November 4,2000

Geared to those who have been working for a while and feel they want more in depth knowledge of particular topics. Friday and Saturday will have topics of interest to trustees.

For more information about the Library of Michigan (LM) or Library of Michigan Foundation events, call 517-373-1300, or visit the website at *www.libofmich.lib.mi.us*; and for more information about the American Library Association, call ALA Membership Customer Service at 800-545-2433, press 6, or visit the website at *www.ala.org*.

Mahoney Children's Workshop Founder Dies

By Sarah Watkins, Executive Director Library of Michigan Foundation



Alice Checkovitz Mahoney, the founder of the Mahoney Children's Workshop series, died on May 24,2000. Born and raised in Maspath, New York, Mahoney graduated from New York University in 1938 with a bachelor of arts degree. She continued her education at Columbia University, where she obtained a master of library science degree in 1944.

After graduation, Mahoney was a librarian at the Aquillar Branch of the New York Public Library. Later she became a specialist in children's literature for the Lincoln School, an experimental school founded by John Dewey and run by the Teachers College of Columbia University. Among her students were Plato Chan, Christina Chan and Nelson Rockefeller. On September 16,1946, she married Raymond Mahoney at Mission Dolores, San Francisco, and moved to Michigan.

Because of her love of children and libraries, Mahoney established the Mahoney Memorial Fund with the Library of Michigan Foundation to honor the memories of her son Patrick and her husband, Ray Mahoney. The Library of Michigan employed Ray as a division director in what is now Public Services in 1968, where he worked for several years.

Mahoney's generosity is responsible for the Mahoney Children's Workshop series, which focuses on how to better serve children in libraries. The 2000 series begins on July 23 and will focus on Native American culture. The Mahoney Children's Workshop Series began in 1999. The inaugural theme of the series was "Grow With Reading" and concentrated on children's library services using children's gardens to build reading skills, journal writing and family literacy.

Mahoney is survived by her sister, Stefanie C.Wladaver; brother-in-law, Donald Wladaver; grandnephew, Dan; and niece Dr. Susan Wladaver-Morgan. Contributions may be made in memory of Alice Mahoney to the Library of Michigan Foundation to benefit the Mahoney Memorial Fund.

he Genesee District Library opened the Robert T. Bolo, Jr. Business Center, a 2,000-square-foot addition, at the Grand Blanc McFarlen branch. The center offers computers with Internet access, business reference books, financial

newsletters, specialized online databases and newspapers.A business librarian, Sharon Van Norwick, is available to help patrons with business-related concerns. The library also uses the center to teach classes in basic computer skills, how to use



the Internet and Microsoft FrontPage. Bolo, for whom

the center is named, was a member of the G Blanc District Library Commission for 19 years. After he died in 1999, donations were made in his memory to help fund the center Additional funding came from the library commission.

26,2000. The workshop was held at

toric Petoskey. Participants learned

als, reference, library law, children's

for a book signing; on Thursday,

managed by Bryon Sitler, multitype library

specialist at the Library of Michigan.

he William H. Aitkin Memorial Library in Croswell held a grand opening and ribbon cutting for its new addition on June 17,2000. The 3,000square-foot addition doubled the size of the library and includes a technology room and expanded work, collections and reading areas. The \$600,000 project also included renovations to the children's section, including expansion of the young adult area. The project was funded with a \$100,000 grant from the Herrick Foundation, community fundraising and donations.

he Library of Michigan hosted 77 library employees (right) from across Michigan for an intensive 6-day workshop about present and future library innovations on May 21-North Central Michigan College in hisabout selection and cataloging materiservices, public relations and administration. Noted authors Kathy Jo Wargin and Ed Wargin joined the group on Tuesday Christopher Knight discussed the relationships between authors and libraries during a special author's evening at Stafford's Bay View Inn. The event was organized and

he Barryton Public Library held an open house on May 13, 2000, to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary and the growth of technology at its

library. Thanks to a Basic Library Technology Grant through the Library Services and Technology Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services that was administered by the Library of Michigan, the Barryton Public Library was able to create two new computer stations and purchase a printer for use by its patrons. From left to right, Library Director Tammy Knott, Library Aide Adrienne Knott and Assistant Librarian Tiffany Smith show off the cake served at the open house.



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